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DEAR HAROLD AND LIL,

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOU HOSPITALITY.

I HAVE ENCLOSED A TENTATIVE ROUGH DRAFT OF AN ITEM FOR MY BOOK. BEFORE I EXPAND ON IT I WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT.

I AM HAVING A PROBLEM WITH SHANEYFELT EXH 35. IT IS SUSPOSSED TO BE A CLOSE-UP OF THE MARK ON THE CURB. BUT LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE SECTION OF CONCRETE ??????? CAN YOU HELP?

THE FBI HAD INTERVIEWS WITH MYSELF, ROYCE SKELTON, VIRGIE RACHLEY, BUDDY WALTHERS, JAMES UNDERWOOD, TOM DILLARD, OFFICERS HAYGOOD AND FOSTER AND OTHERS IN NOV AND DEC CONCERNING THE MISSED SHOT AND THE CURB. I CANNOT FIND THESE FBI REPORTS IN THE 26 VOLS. THE TESTIMONY YES, NO PROBLEM. THE ORIGINAL FBI REPORTS NO.

I FIND THE DAMAGE CONTROL VERY INTERESTING. DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE REPORTS MENTIONED? FOR EXAMPLE; 2. JENKINS MEMO OF NOV 24: HOOVER SAYS OSWALD ALONE DID IT, BUREAU MUST "CONVINCE THE PUBLIC OSWALD IS THE REAL ASSASSIN".

I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SPECIAL AGENT KREUTZER'S REPORT ON INTERVIEW WITH TOM DILLARD.

FOR GODS SAKE DON'T GO DOWN STAIRS AND TRY TO FIND ANY OF THE ABOVE, JUST TELL ME IF YOU HAVE IT.

I SEE NOW I WILL NEED TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP.

DID YOU HAVE SOME CLOSE-UPS OF THE CURB. MAG 5 OR BETTER IS WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR.

THERE'S MUCH MORE BUT CLOSE FOR NOW.

Jim

P.S. What info you have on Destruction of Spectro Plate of Curb by FBI

J. EDGAR HOOVER WRITES J. LEE RANKIN ON AUGUST 12, 1964 ABOUT THE LAB REPORT ON THE CURB.

THE ABSENCE OF COPPER PRECLUDES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE MARK ON THE CURBING SECTION WAS MADE BY AN UNMUTILATED MILITARY-TYPE FULL METAL-JACKETED BULLET SUCH AS THE BULLET FROM GOVERNOR CONNALLY'S STRETCHER, C1, OR THE BULLET OR BULLETS REPRESENTED BY THE JACKET FRAGMENTS, C2 AND C3, FOUND IN THE PRESIDENTIAL LIMOSENE. FURTHER, THE DAMAGE TO THE CURBING WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE IF A RIFLE BULLET HAD STRUCK THE CURBING WITHOUT FIRST HAVING STRUCK SOME OTHER OBJECT. THEREFORE, THIS MARK COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE FIRST IMPACT OF A HIGH VELOCITY RIFLE BULLET.

J. EDGAR HOOVER WRITES J. LEE RANKIN ON MARCH 18TH, 1964 TO ANSWER A QUESTION ABOUT THE LAB REPORT ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SHIRT.

4. WOULD NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSES SHOW IF A BULLET PASSED THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE FRONT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SHIRT NEAR THE COLLAR BUTTON AREA AND ALSO IF A BULLET PASSED THROUGH HIS TIE? NEUTRON ACTIVATION IS A SENSITIVE ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE TO DETERMINE ELEMENTS PRESENT IN A SUBSTANCE. DURING THE COURSE OF THE SPECTOGRAPHIC EXAMINATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED OF THE FABRIC SURROUNDING THE HOLE IN FRONT OF THE SHIRT, INCLUDING THE TIE, NO COPPER WAS FOUND IN EXCESS OF THAT PRESENT ELSEWHERE IN UNDAMAGED AREAS OF THE SHIRT AND TIE. THEREFORE, NO COPPER WAS FOUND WHICH COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO PROJECTILE FRAGMENTS.

IT IS NOT FELT THAT THE INCREASED SENSITIVITY OF NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSES WOULD CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORIGIN OF THIS HOLE AND FRAYED AREA.

SIGNED J. EDGAR HOOVER

IF MR. HOOVER IS CORRECT IN BOTH OF THESE STATEMENTS, THEN BOTH THE BULLET THAT HIT THE CURB AND THE FIRST SHOT THAT HIT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WERE NOT MILITARY-TYPE FULL METAL-JACKETED BULLETS SUCH AS THE BULLET FROM GOVERNOR CONNALLY'S STRETCHER. EITHER MR. HOOVER IS WRONG IN HIS 3/18/64 LETTER TO MR. RANKIN OR TWO TYPES OF AMMUNITION WERE USED DURING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THIS CAUSES BIG PROBLEMS WITH THE TRUTH AND VALIDITY OF THE WARREN REPORT. THIS COULD OPEN PANDORA'S BOX.

THE MARCH 18TH, 1964 LETTER IS IN VOL XX, PAGE 2.